

CITY OF PEORIA – TRAFFIC COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

DATE SET:

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009 @ 3:30 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009 @ 3:30 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 @ 3:30 PM

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING – TO BE HELD AT PEORIA CITY HALL, 419 FULTON STREET, ROOM #404, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61602. (309) 494-8549.

CITY OF PEORIA – TRAFFIC COMMISSION

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

ISSUED BY:

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*CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA SHOULD CONTACT A COMMISSION MEMBER PRIOR TO THE MEETING. ALL OTHER PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE HEARD UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT NEAR THE END OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

NOTE: THE ORDER IN WHICH AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED MAY BE MOVED FORWARD OR DELAYED BY AT LEAST 2/3 VOTE OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE CITY OF PEORIA – TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETS IN REGULAR BUSINESS SESSIONS THE **THIRD TUESDAY** OF THE MONTH AT 3:30 PM AT CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM #404, 419 FULTON STREET, PEORIA, ILLINOIS. (309) 494-8549.

NOTICES OF ANY SPECIAL MEETING ARE POSTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR.

CITY OF PEORIA – TRAFFIC COMMISSION
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM #404
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

MINUTES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATED: MAY 19, 2009 AND JUNE 16, 2009

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM No. 1 DISCUSSION ON CHANGING THE DAY/TIME OF THE REGULARLY
SCHEDULED TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETINGS

ITEM No. 2 DISCUSSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2009

ADJOURNMENT



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

To: Traffic Commission

From: Nick Stoffer, Traffic Design Engineer

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: July 21, 2009

ACTION REQUESTED: DISCUSSION CONCERNING CHANGING DAY/TIME OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETINGS.

BACKGROUND: Due to a conflict in staff's schedule, the Traffic Commission has been asked to consider starting the regularly scheduled meeting a half- hour earlier, at 3 pm, or moving to an alternate day of the week. The location of the regularly scheduled meeting would not be affected.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None.

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Traffic Commission would meet at its new day/time.

IMPACT IF DENIED: The Traffic Commission would continue to meet on the regularly scheduled time/date of the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm.

ALTERNATIVES: NA



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

To: Traffic Commission

From: Nick Stoffer, Traffic Design Engineer

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: July 21, 2009

ACTION REQUESTED: DISCUSSION OF A CITY-WIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

BACKGROUND: In 2008, the Traffic Commission began discussions concerning drafting Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for the City of Peoria, to address the many concerns received about speeding and cut-through traffic within neighborhoods. It was determined that this plan must be designed to meet the needs of the neighborhood residents, emergency vehicles and other users of the roadways.

Research of existing neighborhood traffic calming plans from other cities show that there are basically four main parts to a workable plan, each of which will require discussion and approval of the Traffic Commission. Examples of each are attached for better understanding.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan:

Applicability. The first part of the neighborhood traffic calming plan is where traffic calming should be implemented. The intention of the plan is to calm traffic within neighborhoods and to encourage potential cut-through traffic to stay on the main roadways. This discussion will determine what roadways are candidates for the traffic calming measures and which are not. **See attached copies.**

Accessibility. Next, the plan needs to be clear on how interested citizens and neighborhoods apply for traffic calming solutions that would address their concerns. The method of application, such as a letter to Public Works or a neighborhood petition needs to be determined. Examples are shown on pages. **See attached copies.**

Process. The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan must also have a process once an application is received. The plan must be clear on what criteria is to be met to determine a measurable and solvable traffic problem. Once an application has met the minimum threshold to become a project, what types of neighborhood involvement and/or public meetings should be held. The neighborhood involvement would help determine the extent of the problem and the scope of the solution. Neighborhood cost sharing would also be a topic of the process of the plan. Examples are shown on pages. **See attached copies.**

Tool Kit. Finally, to be successful, a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan needs to have a tool kit of traffic calming devices. These devices will range from inexpensive solutions such as signs or striping to permanent pavement structures such as speed humps or neighborhood traffic circles. Every type of traffic calming in the tool kit must be evaluated to determine expected results and appropriate locations for placement.

A Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for the City of Peoria will be developed based on the discussions of the Traffic Commission, traffic calming guides and manuals and examples from existing plans. Once developed, this finished plan would be sent to the Peoria City Council for approval.

Examples which follow were taken from existing Traffic Calming manuals from Pennsylvania DOT; City of North Hampton, Ma; Sarasota, FL; Charlottesville, VI; Bowling Green, KY; Des Moines, IA; and Naperville, IL. Many other plans are available on-line. A list of Traffic Calming internet links also follows. **See attached copies.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not known at this time.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: Neighborhood concerns of cut-through and speeding traffic would be addressed.

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The City would develop a Traffic Control Plan to meet the needs of its citizens.

IMPACT IF DENIED: NA

ALTERNATIVES: NA